was absolutely normal and there was no fear about safety and security of tourists.

Development of pilgrim places in Maharashtra

590. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the pilgrim places developed during the last three years in Maharashtra; and

(b) the amount of grants sanctioned for each such pilgrim place and the amounts utilised during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) During the last 3 years *viz.* 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, following projects/schemes have been sanctioned and amounts released for development of pilgrim centres in the State of Maharashtra:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Project	Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Upgradation of Restaurant, tourist reception area etc. at Pilgrims Inn, Shirdi	1998-99	25.00	9.00
Wayside amenities at Ranjangaon	1999-2000	48.68	14.60
Yatri Niwas at Jyotiba	1999-2000	48.39	14.50
Yatri Niwas at Lenyandri	2000-2001	48.68	14.60
Yatri Niwas at Nanded	2000-2001	50.00	15.00

Visa-on-arrival scheme for foreign tourists

591. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state: